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APPENDIX A

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
 REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION, and STATISTICAL SERVICE
 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date 12-31-82Full name Herlin E. Vela
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)Address 407 N. San HoracioCity San Antonio State Texas Zip Code 78228Date of birth 01-22-54 (This is important and should be exact.)Approximate age 28 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)Religion Catholic Nationality U.S. CitizenOccupation Parking Lot Attendant - DriverEducation UnknownWeight 140 Height 5'5" Race WhiteColor of hair Dark Color of eyes UnknownOutstanding characteristics or interests UnknownMarried or single Married Children 2
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)Wife's name UnknownScouting connections:

<u>Unit No.</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date registered</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
T-64	San Antonio, Texas		Alamo	3-17-82	12-82

Special recognition _____

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons:

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION,
AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR,
CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

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JOSEPH L. PAGLIM

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Robert W. Shover
 SCOUT EXECUTIVE
 Council Alamo Area

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June 17, 1983

Mr. R. M. Shoemaker
Scout Executive
Alamo Area Council, No. 583

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Merlin E. Vela

Dear Bob:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: South Central Region

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January 11, 1983

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Mr. Herlin E. Vela
407 N. San Horacio
San Antonio, Texas 78228

Dear Mr. Vela:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should not be continued. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that BSA leadership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to refuse registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of leadership which the BSA seeks to provide for American Youth. Please also understand that this decision and the reasons for it will be maintained as confidential.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA leader should be granted or reinstated.

Sincerely,

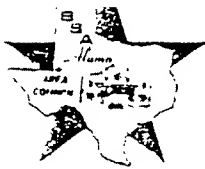
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Mr. Paul Ernst
Director of Registration
National Office
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75062

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is the summary of Troop 64 problem which I discussed with you in December. Also enclosed is a confidential record sheet for both of the men involved.

We attempted to mail the attached letters to the two individuals by way of registered mail, return receipt requested. The letter to Vela was unclaimed and returned to us. The letter to Rohm was returned to us and marked left, no address. This means that the only notification given was that Mr. Vela received at the meeting on December 22.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Shoemaker
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On Monday, December 13, 1982, the Scout Executive of the Alamo Area Council received a call from [REDACTED] father of a prospective Scout for Troop 64, who alerted him to a possible morals problem within the leadership of Troop 64, which is sponsored by the Holy Rosary Parent Teachers Club.

On Wednesday, December 15, 1982, at the request of the Scout Executive, I visited with [REDACTED] and was apprised of the details of his concern. I reported this conference to the Scout Executive and we mutually determined that the problem must be addressed.

I attempted to schedule a meeting with Sister Elizabeth Swartz, Principal of Holy Rosary Parish School, Mr. Rudy Nava, Aztec District Chairman, and Frank Blanco, Aztec District Executive, but Sister Elizabeth had already departed the Parish for the Christmas holiday vacation.

At 10:30 a.m., December 22, Mr. Nava, Mr. Blanco and I met with Father Bernard Rochon, Holy Rosary Parish priest and explained the problem to him. He authorized us to discuss the matter with Mr. Gilbert Rendon, President of Holy Rosary Parish Parent Teachers Club.

On Wednesday, December 22, 1982, at 5:30 p.m., at the Troop 64 Scout Hut on the campus of Holy Rosary School, [REDACTED] a concerned parent, Mr. Gilbert Rendon, President of the Holy Rosary Parent Teachers Club, Mr. Rudy Nava, Aztec District Chairman, Mr. Frank Blanco, Aztec District Executive, and Wayne Eskridge, Council Director of Support Service met to discuss the Troop leadership problem.

[REDACTED] outlined his son's invitation to visit Troop 64 and his subsequent discussion with his son as to what occurred on this visit. He specifically detailed the physical examination which his son reported that he passed. He then played for the group a taped conversation between he, Mr. Vela, Troop 64 Scoutmaster, and Mr. Billy Rohm, Troop 64 Assistant Scoutmaster, which was recorded on December 11, 1982, at his home when Mr. Vela and Mr. Rohm called upon him to complete his son's registration in the troop.

The conclusive decision of Mr. Rendon, PTC President (PTC sponsors Troop 64), Mr. Nava, District Chairman, and Mr. Blanco, District Executive, was to ask Mr. Vela and Mr. Rohm to step down as Troop leaders of Troop 64.

At 6:30 p.m., on the same day Mr. Herlan Vela, Scoutmaster of Troop 64 joined the group already assembled. Mr. Nava explained to Mr. Vela the purpose of this meeting and the confidential nature of it. Mr. Vela admitted that he and Mr. Rohm had conducted physical examinations of the genital area of the Scouts' bodies. In defense of his actions, Mr. Vela stated that the physical examinations were conducted: (1) In response to a letter which he produced which instructed him to conduct such examinations. (2) The examinations were conducted at the Scout Hut with boys individually and were planned to be done every six months. (3) He reported a visit from a police officer who said a complaint had been filed by the parents of a troop member that Mr. Rohm had been sexually molesting their son over a period of three

years. (4) He checked with parents of other troop members to determine any other reports of sexual molestation. (5) He called Mr. Rohm, who admitted the involvement with the one boy in question, and (6) He instructed Mr. Rohm that he was discharged as Assistant Scoutmaster immediately.

Mr. Nava explained to Mr. Vela that it was the feeling of the group that he (Vela) had exercised poor judgment in conducting physical examinations on the authorization of a hand written letter on steno paper with an undistinguishable signature, the authenticity of which had not been verified with District or Council support. He was instructed that he and Mr. Rohm would not be re-registered with the Troop when the Charter expires on December 31, 1982, and that he was not to be involved in any further activity with the Troop.

Based on the above it is recommended to the Scout Executive of the Alamo Area Council that Messrs. Vela and Rohm not be permitted further registration with the Boy Scouts of America.

Wayne Eskridge
Director of Support Service

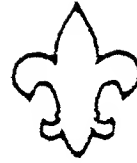
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Copies shared with: Rudy Nava
Frank Blanco
Sister Elizabeth Swartz
Father Bernard Rochon
Mr. Gilbert Rendon

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Robert M. Shoemaker
Scout Executive



December 31, 1982

Dear Paul:

Please read this and call me after
you have read it.

Thanks.

Bob

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